

PREFACE.

This book is prepared for the public and private schools of North Carolina, and it is the result of long and careful study of the needs of our educational systems. It is believed that it will be found to be the very best book of its kind for the particular place which it is intended to occupy in the schools of our State.

The distinctively local features will be especially valuable to the children of our State, as they give necessary instruction which has heretofore been unattainable with anything like accuracy.

We desire to acknowledge special obligation to DR. JOSEPH A. HOLMES, State Geologist, for kind assistance in preparing correct lists of minerals, trees, shrubs and flora of North Carolina.

This book does not pretend to contain every word in our language, but it claims to set forth an actual and practical vocabulary of words generally used by Americans in speaking and writing; and as a practical spelling-book for children it is submitted to North Carolina teachers for their approval.

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